

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

When at least one output unit is brought into a printable state, a controller prepares a schedule to assign a tandem print job to another output unit under execution of another job so as to complete the tandem print job within the shortest time period, and causes the output unit to execute the tandem print job according to the schedule. Thus, the tandem print job can be started when at least one output unit is brought into a printable state and completed within the shortest time period.

FOI b7D b7E b7F b7G b7H b7I b7J b7K b7L b7M b7N b7O b7P b7Q b7R b7S b7T b7U b7V b7W b7X b7Y b7Z